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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. GILLMOR).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 16, 2006.

I hereby appoint the Honorable PAUL E. GILLMOR to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

As one Nation, indivisible, constant in vigilance, seeking liberty and justice for all, we place all our fears, anxieties, problems and concerns under Your protection, Almighty God.

As we pray for our troops, first responders in times of emergency, peacekeepers and all who fight the war against terrorism, this Chamber also seeks your guidance in all decision-making that we may prove ourselves worthy of their noble sacrifice.

Motivated by their bravery and willingness to shed their blood for our life and liberty as a Nation, we ask what is it You require of us that we may become the virtuous people responsible to uphold the sound principles that brought this country into being?

May law and order not only be the words echoed in the halls of government and the courts of this land, but let us give firm evidence to our promise to uphold the Constitution of this Nation by deeds. May goodness flow from the way we live. May integrity be found in the common practice of business and in the daily discourse of our people.

Lord, finally, awakened from our indifference to violence, evil and poverty, may we be a people truthful in our words and committed only to those actions which exhibit justice and lead to peace, now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. PALLONE led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to five 1-minute speeches on each side.

STREET TERRORIST STRIKES AGAIN

(Mr. POE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, a self-claimed sadistic pervert, Jerry Inman, is branded with tattoos of skulls, daggers, bats and the pentagram, the symbol of hell. The two-time convicted sex offender, after serving time in two southern States for several rapes, kidnappings and robberies, has been released and has struck again.

He recreated hell for 20-year-old Clemson University student Tiffany Souers. He stalked her, and in the shroud of darkness of the night, he broke into her apartment, strangled her, raped her and then murdered her. This devil of the South should not even have been in South Carolina, but the good behavior got him released from another State prison.

Mr. Speaker, rapists try to steal the very souls of their victims. Then they steal their lives. And as we fight the global war on terror, we need to fight the street terrorists in America. Repeat rapists are never cured. We cannot say they are misunderstood or need therapy or counseling, because some are just evil, and if we do not lock them up indefinitely, then it seems that outlaws like Inman are wasting good air breathing.

And that's just the way it is.

LEAVE IRAQ NOW

(Mr. KUCINICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KUCINICH. While soldiers are killing insurgents, insurgents are killing our soldiers. Iraq's Prime Minister is said to have considered amnesty for the growing number of insurgents, quote, as long as their hands weren't stained by Iraqi blood.

This kind of talk will only encourage more aggression against U.S. troops, more U.S. casualties, more U.S. deaths. Our soldiers are sitting ducks in a shooting gallery. If we really cared about them, we would bring them home.

Iraq's leaders will ultimately seek peace and reconciliation with its diverse armed groups through renouncing U.S. presence. Yet we are building permanent bases there.

It is time for our Nation to seek truth and reconciliation over 9/11 and

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